

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD</b>	)
<b>Chicago Province; et al.,</b>	)
	)
<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)
	)
<b>vs.</b>	)
	)
	<b>Civ. No. 21-3650</b>
<b>UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND</b>	)
<b>IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS),</b>	)
<b>et al.,</b>	)
	)
<b>Defendants.</b>	)

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO STRIKE DEFENDANTS' REPLY BRIEF**

The Plaintiffs request that the Court strike Defendants' Reply Brief filed on Friday October 28, 2022 as untimely and in violation of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b).

The Court's Minute Entry on August 26, 2022 (Docket #44) ordered the Defendants to file their reply brief by October 21, 2022. Defendants filed their brief one week later without seeking leave to do so as required by FRCP 6(b). *See also, Ramos v. Ashcroft*, 371 F.3d 948, 949-950 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004).

The Defendants' motion also includes an amended declaration and presents arguments that mischaracterize the Plaintiffs' response to the Motion to Dismiss. In the event that the Court denies this motion or otherwise permits Defendants to file a late brief, Plaintiffs request leave to file a Surreply brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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